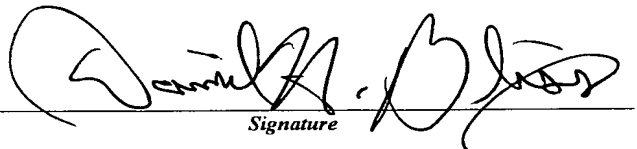

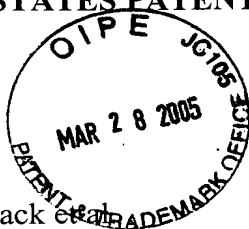


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				<b>Docket No.</b> 199-1164	
<b>Applicant(s): Michael A. DeJack et al.</b>					
<b>Application No.</b> 09/639,870	<b>Filing Date</b> August 16, 2000	<b>Examiner</b> K. Thangavelu	<b>Customer No.</b> 33481	<b>Group Art Unit</b> 2123	<b>Confirmation No.</b> 3207
<b>Invention:</b> SYSTEM AND METHOD OF GENERATING A FINITE ELEMENT MESH FOR A THREADED FASTENER AND JOINING STRUCTURE ASSEMBLY					
<b>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</b>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
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	<b>CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT</b>	<b>HIGHEST # PREV. PAID FOR</b>	<b>NUMBER EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>ADDITIONAL FEE</b>
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	18 -	29 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
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<b>Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable)</b> <input type="checkbox"/>					\$0.00
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